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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

ORDER

The 19th February 2010

S. R. O. No. 58/2010—Whereas, the employees of the Puri Municipality have resorted to strike and have ceased work since the 15th February 2010. This has caused accumulation of garbage in Puri Town. The cleaning of roads and the sea-beach has been completely stopped. It has also been reported that the employees are resorting to subversive activities like choking of drains, causing over-flow of drains and sewer water. There is imminent danger of outbreak of epidemic in Puri Town;

Whereas, the State Government are satisfied that in the interest of public, it is necessary to prohibit strikes in the form of cessation of work by the employees of Puri Municipality who are connected with cleaning of roads and drains and disposal of garbage so that the hygiene and sanitation services in the Puri Municipal area are not disrupted;

Whereas, the services rendered by the employees of Puri Municipality are essential services under Section 2(a)(i) of the Orissa Essential Services (Maintenance) Act, 1988;

Whereas, as per Section 2 (b) of the Act, strike means the cessation of work by a body of persons employed in any essential service acting in combination or a concerted refusal or a refusal under common understanding of any number of persons who are or have been so employed to continue to work or to accept employment and includes, unauthorized absence from duty in pursuance of a common understanding among the persons who unauthoritatively absent themselves from duty or under the direction of any other person or persons.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3, read with Section 2 of the Orissa Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1988 (Orissa Act 9 of 1992), the State Government do hereby prohibit strikes in the aforesaid services. The order shall remain in force for a period of six months with effect from the date of its issuance.

[No. 431-C.]

By order of the Governor

K. C. SARANGI

Joint Secretary to Government